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TO: EE 1 B

FROM: 841

SUBJECT: Fall MONOGRAM

REFERENCE: Conversations Between 841 and Herrn Rutzbach

1. EOS Berlin was asked whether or not they could aid in identifying the firm NOVOTNY mentioned in subject case. It is improbable that firm NOVOTNY is identical with Dr. Pavel NOVOTNY, former Counsellor of the Czech Embassy in East Berlin and one time deputy chief of the Czech Military Mission. Pavel NOVOTNY is believed to have been transferred to a responsible position in Territorial Department (3) (Germany and Austria) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Prague. His former quarters at Berlin/Niederschlesengasse, Pfaffenstrasse 12, are currently assigned to his replacement, Rudolf REIER, who has also been mentioned in Fall MONOGRAM.

2. We consider it likely that firm NOVOTNY may be identical with Attaché of the Czech Embassy, Robert THER, a suspected Czech intelligence officer who worked with Jaroslav ANTON in Switzerland in March 1956. It has been reported that THER shares a set of offices with ANTON in the Czech Embassy building, and we assume they continue to work together. THER resided at Berlin/Niederschlesengasse, Pfaffenstrasse 17. The description GRAM furnished on NOVOTNY would seem to fit THER, and we have requested a copy of the photograph of THER so that this can be shown to GRAM.

3. We have had some success in identifying a number of the vehicles used by the Czechs in greater Berlin. We can verify that ANTON "sold" his

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